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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group No. 2186
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. TAMURA, et al.

Application No.: 09/635,217 ✓

Filed: August 10, 2000 ✓

For: AN EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE USING NON-VOLATILE
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY

Art Unit: 2186

Examiner: P. M. Bataille

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 20, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 20, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments and an

**Appendix with copy of PTO-1449 and International Search Report filed
on May 3, 2001.**